

Legislators Clashing Head-On

Welfare Benefits Going Up...But How Much?

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LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Legislature today sent a record \$720.8 million welfare bill to conference committee, where Republicans and Democrats are taking firm opposing stands on how much to spend on welfare mothers. The welfare package, second

only to a \$1.2 billion state school aid bill in amount of money for state government, would be a 12.5 per cent jump over welfare spending for the 1972-73 fiscal year that ended June 30.

The Senate welfare bill falls \$25.1 million under a version passed by the House in May but is \$80.4 million more than currently is being spent. The

Senate bill is \$6.6 million higher than Gov. William Milliken recommended.

A major disagreement flared over increases proposed for "personal needs" allotments for aid to dependent children. That allotments now stand at \$49.45 a month per person for an average welfare family of four.

The House voted to increase

that allotment by \$3 a month to \$54.5, but the Senate cut that hike Monday night to \$1.50. Milliken recommended an increase of only \$1.

"I am adamant about the \$3. The Senate knows that welfare families are shortchanged even at that with inflation today," said House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit.

The House voted to increase

Rep. Raymond Khres, D-Monroe, who shepherded the bill through the House two months ago, said: "It's got to end up at \$3. I don't see a compromise. When the governor recommended \$1, hamburger only cost 50 cents a pound. Now it's \$1 a pound."

However, Senate Republican Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood predicted accord by next week.

"I think they'll agree on \$2 or \$2.25," VanderLaan said.

The legislature worked until after midnight Monday and planned to reconvene today while leaders whipped up action on budget bills, which already are more than two weeks over-due. Conference committees are

to iron out compromises the remainder of the week while the legislature recesses until next Monday.

The House and Senate agreed on increasing the heat and utility dole under ADC payments from the current \$29 a month to \$35 a month. The two houses also appropriated lump sum of \$4 million for rent

supplements.

Under current spending, an average welfare family of four receives roughly \$320 a month in payments for "personal needs," heat, other utilities and rent, said Eileen Ellis, Social Service Department acting budget director.

The House version of the bill (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

Shell Oil Pays Its Way Out

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The Shell Oil Co., Delta Engineering and Michigan trade unionists have settled their dispute over use of nonunion labor at a Kalkaska construction site.

The agreement, announced in U.S. District Court Monday, provides that Delta and Shell make a gift of \$250,000 to Kalkaska Township, where Delta is building a \$20 million refinery for Shell.

"We don't want the money, but we want it to cost Delta as much to build in Michigan as it would to build anywhere else," said Donald Prebenda, an attorney representing the Michigan Building and Trades Council.

The amount of the gift to Kalkaska Township is what the unions compute to be the difference between what Delta is paying its nonunion workers and what it would have cost to pay union-required fringe benefits, Prebenda said.

Kent Vana, Delta attorney, said the \$250,000 payment, which is to be paid half by Delta and half by Shell, "is an attempt to assist the Kalkaska area which has suffered over the past month as a result of union activities."

The money is to be used for whatever capital improvements are decided upon by local officials.

The agreement, reached after more than two weeks of negotiations between Shell, Delta, the council, a representative of Gov. William Milliken and the National Labor Relations Board, also provides for more employment of local residents.

It says skilled tradesmen are to be hired from the pool of available labor within 100 miles of the site, regardless of union affiliation, but the firm will have full discretion in hiring any individual worker.

The hiring is to be done through the Michigan

Employment Security Commission office in Grayling. Shell and Delta also agreed to suspend all legal action stemming from the violence-marred dispute which began this spring.

In return, the council has pledged to keep the peace in Kalkaska and to direct no further action against Shell or Delta.

The cost of maintaining police protection during the disputes will probably cost Michigan taxpayers more than \$300,000, according to State Sen. John Toepp, R-Cadillac.

A letter from State Police Director John Plants to State Budget Bureau Director John Dempsey indicated overtime pay for between 150 and 350 officers during June would run about \$231,000.

The cost of feeding and lodging the troopers may go as high as \$80,000, officials estimated.



BUTTERFIELD TESTIFYING

Would Nixon Tapes Tell All About Watergate?

What did President Nixon know, and when did he know it?

The Senate Watergate committee may have the answer if it can review the tapes a former presidential assistant says have been made of the President's telephone conversations and conferences.

Alexander P. Butterfield, now head of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), said he had the Secret Service install sophisticated electronic eavesdropping equipment with the President's knowledge. He said the tapes were to be used for history of the Nixon White House years.

For the complete Watergate story, see page 7.

Heroin King Sentenced To 10-20 Years



MOHAMMED ZAHIR SHAH
Ousted in coup

ADELL CASSELL
Dope Pusher Sentenced

Crash Boat Pilot Was 14-Year-Old

DOWAGIAC — One of two boats which collided on Magician lake Sunday night resulting in the drowning of a Chicago man, was piloted by a 14-year-old girl, Cass sheriff's deputies said this morning.

Deputies said the girl, whose identity was not revealed pending further investigation, was alone in the 18-foot power craft when it rammed and passed over the top of another boat stopped in the water to pick up skiers.

One skier, identified by deputies as Kurt Brown, 31, of Chicago, drowned as a result of the collision. Deputies said he was climbing into the boat at the time of the collision, about 8 p.m. Sunday.

Deputies said the other boat was owned by Dr. Gerald Gnade, Dalton, Ill. Deputies said the girl operating it appeared to be in shock after the accident, but suffered no other injury.

The drowning was the seventh reported this year in Cass county.

Mr. Brown was born May 9, 1942, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had been a sales representative of Continental Can Company in Chicago.

Surviving is his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teyer R. Brown of Erieville, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held at the Greenleaf funeral home, Syracuse, N.Y. this Friday. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners, N.Y.

Local arrangements were by the Groner-Lyon funeral home, Dowagiac.

It Must Have Been Good Show

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) — A Rockland man has been fined \$25 for watching television while driving on Union Street.

Police said Frank A. Hallowell, 59, had a battery-operated television set on the hood of his car.

He was charged in District Court here with "unlawfully having within view a television broadcast while operating a motor vehicle."

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Ady. Fitting Command Performance Bras. Thurs. Non to 6 PM. What's New I. or 429-1287 Adv.

Pair Accused Of Growing Pot

Two young Benton township women, charged with growing plants believed to be marijuana in a garden behind their residence, were arrested Monday at 7 p.m. by a Berrien county Metro Narcotics Squad officer, Benton township police and Benton sheriff's deputies.

Booked and lodged in the Berrien county jail on a charge of possession of marijuana, a violation of the Controlled Substance Act, were the tenants of a house at 1634 Pipestone road. They were identified as Cathie Gibson, 19, and Gina Klinger, 17.

Sgt. Don Ives, of the Metro squad, said a search warrant was obtained Monday after plants taken from the garden last week were tested for marijuana. Confiscated from the residence, Ives said, was a bag containing seeds and a substance believed to be marijuana.

Afghan Ruler Ousted In Coup

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Radio Kabul announced today that Afghanistan has been proclaimed a republic, apparently ousting King Mohammed Zahir Shah.

A spokesman at the Afghan Embassy in London said he understood the coup in the Central Asian nation was bloodless.

The 59-year-old king went to Italy 10 days ago for medical treatment. A spokesman for his embassy in Rome said he was still in Italy but declined to say where.

The broadcast from the Afghan government radio said the republic was proclaimed by a former prime minister and relative of the royal family, Gen. Mohammed Daud Khan.

The broadcast said the deposed regime was "false" and led the country to "near bankruptcy." The general and his colleagues promised to lead Afghanistan toward real democracy and neutrality, the broadcast added.

Daud, who was prime minister in 1953, said in another broadcast that the former "corrupt system" of government "no longer exists and the new system replacing it is the republican system which is in accord with the genuine spirit of Islam."

Daud spoke in Pushku, the Afghan national language.

None of the Kabul broadcasts made any mention of the king, who took the throne in 1933 at the age of 19 after the assassination of his father.

Afghanistan has been suffering from drought for three years resulting in widespread famine and an estimated 80,000 deaths, or one out of every 10 persons in the central province of Ghor and surrounding areas.

Parliament last December ousted Prime Minister Abdul Zahir and his cabinet on a vote of no confidence, charging them with failure to deal effectively with the famine. Abdul Zahir was replaced by his foreign minister, Dr. Musa Shafiq, a 40-year-old graduate of the Columbia University Law School and one of the drafters of the 1964 constitution.

It was Shafiq's government that was overthrown by the coup.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration economists are cheered by new government statistics that show the heat may be out of the U.S. business boom, which could make it easier to slow inflation.

The latest cause of optimism was the three-tenths of one per cent increase in the nation's industrial production in June, down from a seven-tenths of one per cent increase in May.

The Federal Reserve Board, which released the production index Monday, noted that production of consumer goods declined by seven-tenths of one per cent during the month.

"It's clear that a slowdown in growth has started," said Edgar R. Fiedler, assistant secretary of the treasury for economic policy.

The declining growth rate, if it is sustained, may help the administration's Phase 4 antiflation program, expected to be announced later this week.

President Nixon scheduled a meeting with Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz at Bethesda Naval Hospital today to discuss the Phase 4 program.

Shultz said Monday the program lacked only final decision and approval by the President.

Shultz also cited evidence the growth rate of the economy is slowing and indicated this could

help ease inflationary pressures by reducing demand for raw materials.

Shultz said the second quarter report on the country's Gross

National Product, due Thursday, should show a decline in real economic growth.

The first quarter GNP—the

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

Economists Cheered By Production Drop

Mayor Charles Joseph of Benton Harbor has been appointed by Gov. William Milliken to serve on a 73-member criminal justice commission established to develop long-range goals for reducing crime in Michigan.

Gov. Milliken Monday announced creation of the commission as an advisory body to replace the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice created in 1968. The previous commission was primarily involved in recommending approval of federal grants under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets act.

Milliken named Lt. Gov. James H. Brickley to head the commission which includes law enforcement officials, nine state legislators, experts in the field of criminal justice, local officials and persons representing the general public.

"Despite the recent four per cent crime reduction in 1971 and 1972, Michigan still has a serious crime problem," Milliken said. "Crime remains a crucial public issue, and fear of crime inhibits the free movement of our citizens. Crime is a costly problem, greatly affecting taxes, prices, service goals and our economy."

The new commission, charged with preparing a comprehensive plan to reduce and prevent crime, will be divided into five task forces.

Mayor Joseph has been assigned to the rehabilitation task force under Chairman Ernest C. Browne, Jr., a councilman on the Detroit common council.

Search Ends At Jail

Berrien county sheriff's

deputies didn't have to look far

for a man reported missing on

July 9. He was right under their

noses in the county jail.

John E. Harper, 57, of

Chicago, whose picture and

story appeared in this news-

paper Monday, was booked on a

charge of drunk and disorderly

and lodged in the jail at 11 p.m.

when he disappeared.

Deputies said Harper was arraigned in Fifth District court on July 10. He stood mute on the charge and an innocent plea was entered. He was unable to furnish bond and was jailed.

Deputies said Harper was released from the county jail Monday after Mrs. Murdoch posted \$50 bond on her brother's behalf.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorLudington, Mich., Is
Newest Comstock Lode

When Washington lifted the restrictions on interest rates which financial institutions can pay their depositors the money market has been gyrating like a half wound top since the past week.

Neither the bankers nor the savings and loan people are thrilled by this move, but they are posting new schedules almost daily in the scramble to hold their deposits and possibly in the process steal some dough from the competition.

The maneuver is part of the Administration's effort to hold down inflation.

The theory goes that if the bank must pay more to its depositors it must charge more to its borrowers. This may discourage the latter to go ahead with building a new house, accumulating inventory, expanding a plant, and so on. If that credit created money stream is withheld from the economy, then the latter may lose some of its steam, prices will stabilize, and eventually things presently out of kilter may come back in balance.

Essentially, this is the monetary theorem of controlling inflation. Reversing the process, according to the theory, can pick up an overly deflated economy.

Until Nixon imposed Phase I two years ago, this monetary control, exercised through the Federal Reserve and the National Savings & Loan Board, was the only weapon being used against inflation.

Though not discarded when Phase I took effect, it became obscured to the general public in favor of the more dramatic wage-price ceiling.

The monetary theory is one of the oldest in that arcane subject called economics. The Fed itself was established in 1913 for the very purpose of being just such a value for the economy.

Through the years it has delivered a creditable performance, but in more recent times it has waffled noticeably between turning on the value and clamping down upon it. The Fed also has been at odds much of the time with Presidential economic advisors over the argument on whether the supply of money determines the productivity quantum or if money is merely a byproduct from the productive process itself.

Whichever of the two academics is correct, the fact is that Washington has been managing the economy by one device or another since the New Deal came to town 40 years ago, and with some unwelcome unexpected results.

The American dollar flounders abroad. So the smart money from overseas is using cheap dollars to buy heavily into U.S. investments. At the same time the stock market displays a malaise attributable in part to the high cost of borrowing money to buy securities on margin.

Nuclear Energy Review

For years the mere mention of nuclear power has brought forth two contrasting images: that of a uniquely different type of generator which at its fullest potential would be nearly self perpetuating, and that of a radiation leaking monster which could do great damage to the environment.

The fear associated with nuclear energy is an unreasoning one, at times ap-

Phase 3 1/2, soon to be replaced by Phase 4, is holding the line at the supermarket, but cost squeezes on many processors threaten to curtail already short supplies of basic food items.

The controls theory is sending another long held postulate sideways. This is the traditional view that short-term interest rates should be lower than long term commitments because supposedly the former is a more liquid type of loan.

Starting about three years ago the trend has been to reverse that dictum.

All manner of reasons or guesses are given for the switch, the best of which appears to be the hunch that while the entire structure, short and long term, may come down eventually, in the meanwhile banks need money with which to operate. Consequently this creates a competitive atmosphere in which the appeal is to hold on to hot money by pushing up the short term rate, and, if need be, go heavy on long term.

Hot money is the big chunk stuff whose allegiance is to the outfit paying the latest available, high interest rate.

Some 140 miles north of here, the pleasant resort community of Ludington (normal population of 9,500 persons) is having a bank war.

In line with the Fed's order of allowing banks to pay whatever interest they wish on four-year deposits of \$1,000 or more, Ludington holds the dubious distinction of being the hot money Mecca of the moment.

Its two banks, the National and the State, are paying 8 per cent to anyone dropping \$10,000 or more with them for four years.

Sterling Seaton, the State's president, is not happy at all with the idea, but is determined that Dean Fry, National's chairman, will not pilfer his balances.

Elmer Jacobson who runs Ludington's Federal Savings & Loan views this financial war with dismay. Since he can not go the full interest route with State and National, Federal could be in for some blood letting. In anticipation of a drain, Federal has stopped making new loans in order to remain liquid.

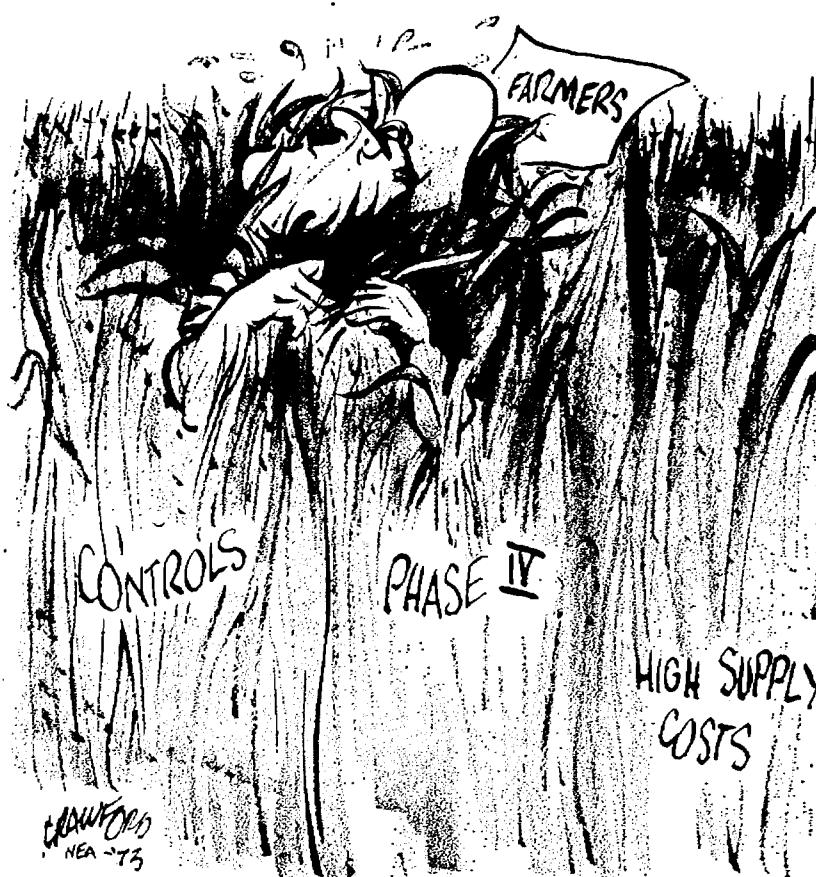
The other side of the coin is that if somebody in Ludington wants a home mortgage, he will pay National or State 9 1/2 per cent for the privilege.

Recent advertisements in our papers on new interest schemes are not as wild as those hatched up the shoreline. They are in line, however, with the countrywide movement.

Hopefully, the Ludington war won't spread and that it will remain an isolated instance of force feeding a reasonably sound theory out of proportion.

Phase 4 should review last week's interest action with an eye to getting all the horses pulling in the same direction.

Bumper Crop



GLANCING BACKWARDS

EVERS WILL SPEAK
IN BI NEXT WEEK

— 1 Year Ago —

Charles Evers, mayor of Fayette, Miss., will appear in Benton Harbor, July 28, for the Pilgrim Rest Baptist church on their annual Men's Day program.

Evers was elected mayor in 1968 of Fayette, a withering biracial town whose population had shrunk to 1,600. His leadership is credited with capturing new industry for Fayette — Thompson Industries, an automotive supplier and subsidiary of IT&T, which was landed with the help of Sen. Edward Kennedy, will provide some 150 jobs; a manufacturer of cleansers hiring 100 to 125; and a concrete mixing plant.

SUPERVISORS PONDER
COURTHOUSE MOVE

— 10 Years Ago —

Berrien County's supervisors next month will discuss whether or not the county's proposed \$3

million courthouse should, indeed, be built in the present county seat of St. Joseph.

At Monday's monthly meeting, Niles township supervisor Joseph Low moved that the topic be placed on the agenda for persual at the August meeting, and found the motion passed by a surprising voice vote that saw only Benton Harbor supervisor Michael Govatos and Niles supervisor William Morgan voice strongly aubible nays.

BERRIEN DEM'S OK

DELEGATED
WALLACE: YES, HOFFMAN: NO

— 29 Years Ago —

Berrien county Democrats, convening last night at the St. Joseph city hall, endorsed Vice President Henry Wallace for reelection; elected eight delegates to their state convention in Grand Rapids, July 29, and dedicated themselves to "two great tasks facing the

party in Berrien county."

These two tasks were declared to be: (1) Re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a fourth term. (2)

— The defeat of Clare C. Hoffman, and the election of Bernard T. Foley as the fourth district representative at Washington. To end this convention urged a "house to house, precinct to precinct, ward by ward, township by township, village by village, city by city, job of registering and voting the people" next fall.

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

— 39 Years Ago —

The Antiquarian Society's exhibit at the St. Joseph Centennial will be housed in the old light house building on Lake boulevard and will be in charge of Mrs. Robert Evans. The society intends to furnish a parlor, bedroom and combination dining room and kitchen in the style of 100 years ago.

LIVELY SCHOOL ELECTION

— 49 Years Ago —

St. Joseph's annual school election, usually rather a tame affair, developed into a spirited vote getting contest before the polls were closed. Mrs. Edith M. Porter, past member of the board, up for reelection, and Mrs. Dorothy L. West were the only candidates but by evening voters had entered seven other candidates. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. West won.

CHICAGOAN HAS CRASH

— 59 Years Ago —

An automobile driven by a Chicagoan crashed into the guard gates on the north approach of the State street bridge late last night, badly shattering them. Fortunately the draw has been closed.

TELEGRAPH LINE

— 83 Years Ago —

The telegraph line is completed along the Van Andria railroad to within four miles of St. Joseph.

BERRY'S WORLD



"That smarty from the cleaners wants to know if you want any shirts or money (laundered)!"

Ray Cromley

Hanoi Forces
Upstate Cong

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A Vietnamese-speaking friend, for five years a prisoner of the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese, and I had a four-hour talk a few days ago on the bitter in-fighting now going on between the VC guerrillas and forces from Hanoi.

In our minds was the belief that if disunity among the northern invaders and their southern allies was great enough, then South Vietnam has a chance of surviving as a nation.

This would lessen chances of U.S. re-involvement and be a major step toward stability in Southeast Asia.

As my observant friend described what he heard and saw while being taken from place to place in South and North Vietnam over the years, every month it seemed the struggle between the southern VC and the Hanoi forces grew deeper. Lesser-educated and less efficient men got the promotions in the army. Better-trained, more highly educated and efficient southern Communists were passed over.

As time went on, the incoming officers and civilian cadres sent from the north grew younger — and more arrogant. These inexperienced young men made certain their southern allies knew who gave the orders and who obeyed — regardless of rank.

This is the situation now apparently developing also in Cambodia and Laos.

It may be the United States will, in the end, have enabled the South to "win" the war (in the sense that Saigon will be able to keep its independence) by withdrawing our troops — and that Hanoi, finally, will lose because it did not follow Mao Tse-tung's advice and pull out its armies.

Revisionists Tell
Cold War Story

Two positions were set forth in notable books by such scholars as William Appleman Williams, D.F. Fleming, Gar Alperovitz, David Horowitz, Gabriel Kolko, Diane Shaver Clemens, and Lloyd C. Gardner. Their works line the paperback shelves in any college bookstore. Most of them now hold prestigious university posts.

Now, however, along comes another scholar, Robert Maddox of Penn State, who in a detailed blockbuster analysis of their work called "The New Left and the Origins of the Cold War" (Princeton University Press), convicts them of gross scholarly frauds, even in some cases, of misrepresentation, plagiarism and evidence-faking: offenses that would bring about the instant expulsion of any sophomore who had committed them in a term paper.

Maddox's method is to take their footnotes seriously. He has checked their texts against their sources. His conclusion: "These books without exception are based upon pervasive misusages of the source material." The "most striking characteristic of revisionist historiography has been the extent to which New Left authors have revised the evidence itself."

Here is Maddox catching Williams Appleman Williams with his hand in the cookie jar: "One of the techniques Williams used most often . . . was to construct imaginary speeches and dialogues by splicing together phrases uttered at different times and on diverse subjects."

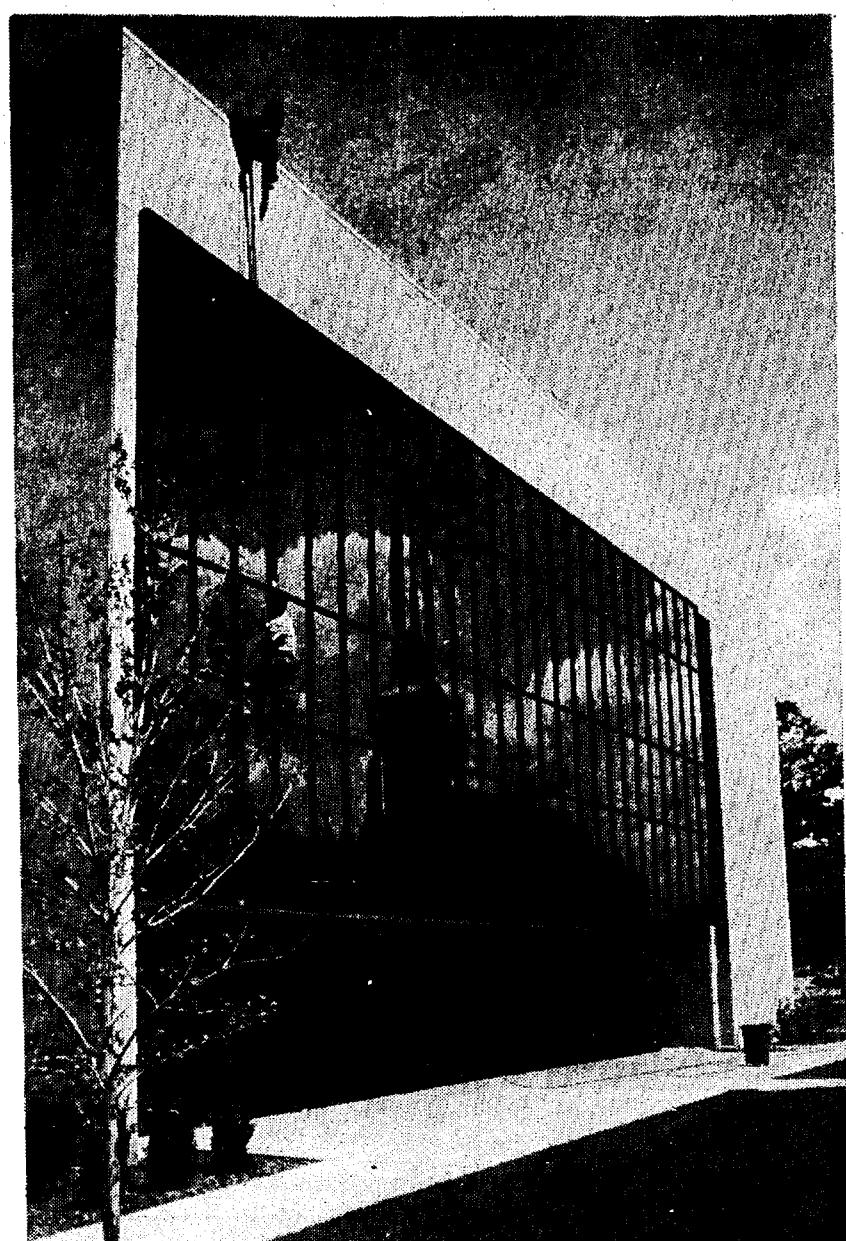
On Gar Alperovitz: "One of the most common flaws in the book is Alperovitz' practice of citing statements in support of his arguments which, in context, refer to other subjects altogether." And: "Less obvious than his misuse of quotations, but no less insidious, is Alperovitz' habit of frequently altering in his own words what the sources actually say."

Gabriel Kolko: "By placing together misstatements of fact, quotations wrenched out of context, and unsupported allegations, he constructed an entirely misleading version of what actually took place."

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Twin City
Highlights



CAN'T WASH OFF THE PICTURES: Washing windows at the Law & Title Building, 811 Ship street, St. Joseph, is an exacting job. But no matter how hard the washers try, they can't wash off the reflections that adorn the building. St. Joseph Catholic church is reflected here against a backdrop of clouds. (Staff photo)

How SJ Township Spent \$35,864 From Uncle Sam

The St. Joseph township board Monday night officially reported how it spent \$35,864 revenue sharing funds for 1972 and the \$896 earned interest.

Most of the funds, \$23,602.60, went for police department operations. The township set up its own department last April 1.

Other expenditures included \$2,326 for office furniture; \$2,500 for office partitions; \$2,050 for an air conditioner; \$3,370 for baseball diamond lights at Eaton park; and \$2,912 to pave a parking lot in back of the township hall in Fairplain.

The money was received last

Dec. 14 and Jan. 16 and the report acted on Monday night is a formal report to the federal government on how it was spent.

Mrs. Robert Fischer, 3084 Lincoln avenue, St. Joseph, asked for details on the legal fight between the township and state highway department over the I-94 penetrator and Supervisor Orval Benson summed up the township's reaction with a three-point explanation.

Said Benson: The township residents signed a petition, when the penetrator (between I-94 and St. Joseph) was first proposed, overwhelmingly in opposition and nothing has been done to rescind that petition; the Penetrator "does nothing" for the township; and the state's attempt to take public land for right-of-way because it was not developed into a formal park is "making law."

Benson said in response to a question that linking Ansley drive and Nelson road into an overpass complete with full interchange, has been proposed by the township but reports from the highway department indicate it would only build the overpass.

David Bozoarth, 47, of 2734 Lincoln avenue, a laboratory supervisor for Whirlpool laundry engineering, resigned from the fire board and was immediately appointed to the township planning commission to fill a vacancy of some months' duration.

Joseph Mitchell, 46, of 931 Vineland, who retired last week after 30 years duty with the St. Joseph Fire department, was named to the fire board.

Trustees gave Benson authority to hire assessors and approved a sanitary sewer agreement with the city of St. Joseph. The agreement contains a clause spelling out rates for multi-family, commercial and industrial customers.

Deputies Hunting Hit-Run Driver

The Berrien county sheriff's department reported it is continuing to look for a hit and run driver involved in an accident last Friday night at Glenlawn road and Cleveland avenue in Lincoln township.

Frank Rogers, 28, of 5164 West Donna drive, Stevensville, reported at the time that he was stopped at the intersection on Glenlawn when a car turned off Cleveland and struck the right side of his auto. Rogers and his family were unhurt. The accident occurred at 10:30.

The other vehicle drove away without stopping. Rogers said the other car was a white, late model compact vehicle and was either a station wagon or hatchback model.

Rogers said the hit-run auto should have considerable damage to its left front.

Article About SJ City Manager Blasted As 'Invasion Of Privacy'

Commissioners Don't Deny Heppler To Succeed Hill

A story in this newspaper Monday on the impending retirement of St. Joseph City Manager Leland Hill was branded as "in poor taste" and an "invasion of privacy."

Criticism of the news story was leveled by Commissioner Warren Gast after last night's city commission meeting. The story also disclosed that G. W. (Jerry) Heppler, assistant city manager, is the hand-picked choice as successor.

Commissioners acknowledged retirement of Hill has been discussed and that Heppler is the prime candidate as successor. But Gast said there is no cer-

tainty in the matter.

Gast said if the story were written about him he "would do is damndest to try to rile public opinion against the person who wrote it."

Gast said "I was surprised it was written," without coming to commissioners for facts.

Commissioners said they are not interviewing candidates for the position and have no present plans to open the selection process, but denied that a final decision has been made.

This newspaper reported Monday that Hill, 62, city manager since 1951, told commissioners that he plans to retire in October and recommended Heppler, 44, as a successor. The story said that the planned resignation and selection have been kept under wraps at city hall.

Mayor Franklin Smith, however, said Hill has not officially resigned and that the city manager "reserves the right to pick a date to announce his retirement." He confirmed that Hill has apprised the commission of his intention to retire.

Smith also pointed out that the city charter gives the commission responsibility for selecting a city manager but doesn't tell them how to do it.

Smith and Commissioner Joseph Hanley both noted that Heppler, a city employee for 11 years, is the main candidate because he is well qualified, lives in St. Joseph, knows the city and has worked with the

New Ideas Proposed For SJ Facelift

St. Joseph city commissioners Monday heard varied proposals for downtown improvements. They also learned that preliminary results of a poll of merchants show that planting of trees on State street is losing out.

The improvement suggestions are made for a parking area for downtown employees on Water street at the bottom of the bluff; an enclosed, climatized mall on State street, and angular parking on Lake boulevard.

The proposals were made after G.W. (Jerry) Heppler, assistant city manager, told commissioners that a poll of State street merchants in the downtown area about a beautification plan involving tree planting has so far produced: 56 replies out of 97 questionnaires mailed with 23 favoring the planting and 34 opposed.

A plan to beautify downtown St. Joseph by replacing eight 15-minute parking spaces on State street with potted trees was first presented to city commissioners last month. The plan came from the St. Joseph business division of the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce.

The city sent out questionnaires to merchants on State street between Ship and Broad to gauge the mood of landlords and merchants. Last night, the commission instructed that the rest of the downtown business area be contacted by mail for opinions.

Atty. George Keller of St. Joseph, a downtown landlord who has been pushing the tree planting, suggested a parking area at the base of the bluff below Lake Front park.

Keller said this could be a parking area for downtown employees who "monopolize" parking that should be for customers. He said one of the objections to tree planting is the fear of losing parking spaces in the downtown area.

Another suggestion from members of the St. Joseph (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

Trash Fire Blamed On Young Boy

Benton Harbor firemen said a young boy set a fire in a trash bin behind Columbus Elementary school, 815 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, Monday at 8 p.m.

The fire, which caused no damage, was extinguished by firemen. A witness told firemen that she saw a young boy ride his bicycle up to the bin, throw in a lighted match and ride away. Firemen said they have had several fires in the same container this year.

Commissioner Gast said the city could go through a lengthy search for a city manager such as Benton Harbor did and not find anyone more qualified than Heppler.

Hanley said the commissioners have read advertisements placed by persons seeking jobs as city managers and that he would not be opposed to opening up the job selection search. But Hanley said he feels Heppler is "well qualified."

Mayor Pro-Tem C.A. Tobias, Jr. admitted the story has been "kept quiet" but said he would rather not comment any further. Leroy Selent also declined to comment.

Hill is on vacation and unavailable for comment but



COMMISSIONER GAST
'Invasion of privacy'



MAYOR SMITH
Charter doesn't say

Heppler said he was "surprised" by the story and the first he knew of the matter was through the news story.



MIGHTY MITE FROM GAST: Herman Robandt (right), director of marketing and sales for Gast Manufacturing Corp., Benton township, shows group of visitors tiny air motor which develops nearly one horsepower. From left are Jennie Porter, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mary Lou and Chuck Sullivan, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frances and Fred Foerschler, Kansas City, Kan., and Dave Porter. They are among 12 Gast distributors and their spouses from all parts of the country visiting the Gast plant to study products, pricing, promotion and marketing strategy. It is one of three such conferences scheduled for this summer. Gast produces wide range of air motors for use in many types of machines (Staff photo)

BH Approves Parking Ban On W. Main Near Bridge

The Benton Harbor city commission last night received a progress report from a cable television firm; voted to eliminate parking from both sides of West Main, from the bridge east to about 12th street; and accepted an offer of a vacant lot.

The meeting also included a citizen complaint on alleged failure by police to halt window-peeping youths; and complaints against alleged "lack of counseling and concern" at the Berrien county Drug Treatment Center.

Earl Drake, president of Cable TV of Benton Harbor, said an office has been opened in the Fidelity building, and work is to start on creating a studio for local television programs there. Drake said 14 channels have been applied for and four more are sought. He added that construction hopefully can begin in about 30 days.

CITIZENS DECIDE AUGUST 7

Drake said the firm was called Cable TV, Inc., but was changed, because it is not a corporation, but a partnership of Drake and a relative. He said plans are to serve Benton Harbor and Benton township. To get a franchise in the city (but not the township) voters at the Aug. 7 primary election must okay the request by a two-thirds majority. This is a city charter rule.

Three firms have filed proposals for cable television before the St. Joseph city commission, but no action has been taken.

No one spoke at a public hearing on a request by the Michigan State Highway Department to eliminate the West Main parking, to ease traffic congestion near the Main street bridge. The commission approved the request.

Following discussion, the commission agreed to accept a vacant parcel of land at the southwest corner of Paw Paw avenue and Territorial road, site of a former gasoline station. The offer was from D.E. Daggitt Co., St. Joseph, reported City Manager Charles A. Morrison.

Most commissioners felt the lot might work into a renewal or rehabilitation program, if one is started in that area. One, Carl Brown said he didn't have enough information and voted against

the offer. He was joined by Charles Yarbrough, who voted without comment.

The police matter was presented by Mrs. Ellareta Brown, who said she called officers about 9:20 p.m. last Wednesday, upon finding youths peeping through her windows at 1238 Broadway.

SAYS POLICE DIDN'T GET OUT OF CAR

Mrs. Brown said the officers didn't get out of their patrol car, but chatted with the youths, and asked her first if she was retired and then asked why she didn't install a hedge and high fence.

Manager Morrison, contacted earlier by Mrs. Brown, said the matter was reviewed by the police chief and captain and it was found that no police report was written on the incident. Morrison said the officers probably couldn't have made an instant arrest, not seeing any illegal activity, but also that they apparently failed to ask Mrs. Brown if she would sign a complaint. The matter is to be investigated further, and an attempt is to be made to identify the officers involved, Morrison said.

COMPLAINER PRAISED FOR COURAGE

The complaint against the drug center was made by two men, who received methadone treatment and said they and others have formed a group called Unity for Rehabilitation. They charged lack of counseling and were joined by several staffers. Main spokesman for the latter was Augustus Dukes, who said he has worked at the center for two months as a field worker. Commissioner Brown praised Dukes for "courage" in speaking out on alleged center conditions. The matter was to be explored further, the commission indicated.

The commission also:

—Approved a low bid of \$1,721 from Garlanger Construction Co. for alterations at the public works office.

—Adopted a resolution of condolence to the family of Mrs. Robert W. (Elizabeth Rush) Brown, 55, research librarian at Benton Harbor public library for 12 years, who died last Wednesday, following a long illness.

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Seat Filled On Buchanan School Board

Mrs. Robert Mahan Gets One-Year-Term

BUCHANAN — Mrs. Robert (Jeanette) Mahan was appointed to a one-year term on the Buchanan school board last night.

She was named by the school



MRS. ROBERT MAHAN
Buchanan school trustee

Parade Chairman Selected

COLOMA — Mrs. Barbara Wolfram, 377 South Church street, has been named chairman of the Coloma Gladiolus Festival's Kiddies parade.

Mrs. Wolfram said entry forms for children through the age of 12 wishing to enter the parade are now available. The parade is to be held Aug. 3, as part of the festival, Aug. 3-5.

Mrs. Wolfram said blanks may be obtained from Bad's drug store, Coast to Coast Hardware, Fred's Supermarket, Yesterday and Hard-ing's Coloma Market.

According to Mrs. Wolfram, teenagers wishing to help pull floats for the children may do so.

Top winners in the parade will participate in the annual Coloma Gladiolus Festival parade, Saturday, August 4.

board to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation last week of Mrs. June Wessendorf, who is moving out of the district.

Mrs. Mahan, 38, of 401 East Chicago street, is to serve through July 1, completing Mrs. Wessendorf's unexpired term.

Mrs. Mahan's seat will be up for election in the June 1974 school balloting.

Mrs. Mahan has two children in Buchanan schools. She previously served two years as president of the PTA at Harold C. Stark elementary school.

In other areas, school officials announced that changes made in plans for a proposed new high school have reduced the building's estimated cost from \$5,450,000 to \$4,995,000.

The board last night officially set Aug. 27 as the date for a special election on a bond issue to finance the proposed school.

Supt. Richard Dougherty said the bond issue was reduced to below \$5 million by reducing by two the number of science rooms planned, by reducing the number of seats planned for the auditorium from 580 to 530 and by reducing the projected contingency fund.

Officials announced the last day for unregistered voters to register for the August election is July 27.

In the past three years, Buchanan district voters have defeated four bond issue proposals for new school buildings.

Proposed site for the building is Fourth street west of Chippewa street. The proposed building would have a capacity of 900 students.

Daredevil Drivers At Cass Fair

CASSOPOLIS — The Kochman-Kovaz Auto Daredevils Hell Drivers will be one of several featured events at the 1973 Cass County fair, Aug. 6-11, at Cassopolis.

The auto stunt drivers will perform Friday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m.

The fairgrounds are north of O'Keefe street in Cassopolis, will host other auto events such as demolition derbies and motorcycle races, as well as a country and western show and family activities.



MRS. BARBARA WOLFRAM
Parade chairman



BUILDING BRIDGMAN POOL: Foundation and plumbing work along with a small amount of electrical work is being done on the Olympic size swimming pool under construction at Bridgman high school, according to Supt. of Schools David Lechner. Total amount of bids let to date is \$740,000. Bond issue approved by Bridgman vote allows \$750,000. Target date for completion of

exterior of building is Nov. 30, 1973, with pool to be completed by May 1, 1974. The building housing pool will be connected with gymnasium (left) by two entrance-ways through doors at rear of gym. Pool size, excluding diving L, is 42 feet wide and 75 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long with six lanes. The diving L is 30 feet by 40 feet and 14 feet deep with a float type apparatus to keep water in pool calm. Depth of

diving area allows scuba diving classes if desired. The diving L will be equipped with one and three meter boards. There will be a pool deck for instruction, seating for 350 spectators, and a scoreboard for competition meets. Overall size of the building will be 128 X 95 feet. (Aerial Photo by Adolph Hann)

Bangor Votes Wednesday On Bond Issue

BANGOR — Bangor city voters will decide a \$150,000 bond issue proposition for improvements to the city's storm drain system in a special election Wednesday, July 18.

Polls will be open at the town hall, Monroe and Division streets, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If approved, the \$150,000 bond issue would finance construction of improved storm drains on portions of several streets, including North Center, Greenhouse, High, Second, Main, First, Cass, Morrison and Douglas streets.

City officials have stated the general obligation bonds would be repaid with general city revenue. Officials estimated a levy of about one mill over 25 years would cover repayment.

At the city's present valuation, one mill raises about \$8,500 a year.

Originally, the city commission had set June 27 for the election, but the date was changed when it was learned the June date did not leave time for the city to meet legal requirements.



COLOMA APARTMENTS: New 12-unit apartment constructed by Smith and Schaller Construction company, Niles, are now open. Apartments in Fredrick Apartments contain two bedrooms, kitchen, living room and bath. Located on the

corner of Paw Paw street and Leedy court, co-developers Jon Cousins and Leonard Smith, placed estimated cost of project at \$125,000. (Cliff Stevens photo)

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Four Delinquent Dads Ordered To Catch Up

A Niles dad behind in child support was threatened with jail and three fathers listed as owing \$1,183 for children on ADC were told how to pay off Monday in Berrien circuit court.

Robert Beaudoin, of 519 Bond street, Niles, was found in contempt for a \$1,019 arrearage for three children and was ordered by Judge Chester J. Byrns to pay \$200 forthwith or spend 30 days in jail, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

Beaudoin paid \$300. He also was ordered to get a job in 30 days -- unless extended by Westfield -- or spend 30 days in jail, and pay \$45 weekly support and \$5 weekly on arrears, Westfield reported.

Robert Hayes, of route 1, Coloma, was ordered by Judge Byrns to pay \$29 weekly support

for two children on ADC and pay off \$610 arrears at \$5 a week, Westfield reported.

John Steve Williams, of 5976 Lincoln avenue, Stevensville, was ordered by Judge William S. White to pay \$15 weekly support for three children on ADC plus \$3 weekly on arrears of \$273, Westfield reported.

Theron Page, of 430 Bridgeman, Benton township, was ordered by Judge William S. White to pay \$15 weekly support for three children on ADC plus \$3 weekly on arrears of \$273, Westfield reported.

LOW RENT HOUSING
LUNA PIER, Mich. (AP) — A \$1.1 million construction project for 55 units of low-rent housing was announced Monday by the Luna Pier Housing Commission.

Coloma Woman Hurt Seriously

A Coloma woman was considered in "serious" condition this morning at Benton Harbor Mercy Hospital after her car rolled over in the median of I-94 while passing a truck last night.

Hospitalized was Joyce P. Williams, 26, of 478 Gillson street. Hospital officials said she sustained multiple fractures and abrasions.

State police from the Benton Harbor post said the accident occurred at 8 p.m. in the westbound lanes of I-94 near Cardy road, Bainbridge township.

Police said the car slid into the median, rolled over, and

Watervliet City Grows 208 Acres

WATERVLIET — The

Michigan boundary commission yesterday approved annexation to Watervliet city of 168-acres of property owned by State Sen. Charles O. Zollar and the 40-acre Watervliet high school site.

The contiguous parcels are located southeast of Watervliet city in Watervliet township between I-94 and Red Arrow highway.

The high school property was not included in the annexation petition submitted to the boundary commission by city officials.

Parcels totalling 31 acres that were included in the original petition were not approved for annexation by the commission.

In the report on its decision,

the boundary commission states that the annexation area "lays within the natural growth influence of the City of Watervliet and that future land use will be urban in nature."

The report says that the city now provides sewer and water service to the high school, and that the city "has the capability of immediately providing sewer

and water service to the Zollar property."

Parcels covered in the original annexation request petition but not approved for annexation are either now serviced by township sewer or are scheduled to be, according to the report.

The commission notes that the annexation area contains

less than one percent of the township's state equalized property value, and that loss of the land will not harm the township.

The annexation request was filed under a section of state law which permits the owner or owners of 75 percent of an area to request annexation of the entire area.

Zollar, who signed the petition, owns over 75 percent of the land covered in the annexation petition.

City officials have said they would like the land in the city for possible future commercial or high-income residential development to increase the city's tax base.

The annexation petition was filed in Oct. 1972, and a public hearing was held by the boundary commission in April at Watervliet high school.

The commission's report states that the annexation shall become effective Sept. 14 unless court proceedings to review the commission's action are undertaken prior to that date.

Berrien County Youth Fair

Senior Citizens Get Cut Rates

Berrien county senior citizens can purchase season and day passes at reduced rates for the 1973 Berrien County Youth Fair, from now through Saturday, Aug. 11.

The passes will be available to residents, 65 and over, only prior to the fair at various locations throughout the county. A season pass will cost \$2.50, one-half of the regular price and daily passes will be \$1, a reduction of 75 cents.

The passes will be good for each day of the fair, Tuesday, Aug. 14, through Saturday, Aug. 18. The passes do not include the open horse show held the weekend prior to the fair.

The passes for Berrien county residents, 65 and over are available at the following locations: Youth Fair office, fairgrounds, Farm Bureau Insurance office, Youth Memorial building, and Berrien Springs Cooperative Fruit association, all in Berrien Springs.

Buchanan Co-ops and Buchanan Farmers Credit Union in Buchanan; Galien Elevator, Galien; Three Oaks Co-ops, Three Oaks; Sawyer's Farmers Exchange, Sawyer; Cooperative Extension office, courthouse, St. Joseph; ASCS office, Scottsdale; Watervliet Fruit Exchange, Watervliet; Cuthbert Tractor Sales and Farm Bureau Oil Co., in Eau Claire; Miller Equipment Co., Baroda; Conley-Blackman Insurance agency, Area Building Supplies and Niles Seed and Feed Co. all of Niles.

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